

# WILFRID LAWRENCE (LARRY) ADAMSON

Wilfrid Lawrence (Larry) Adamson died suddenly in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in May 2023, of a stroke. He was 77.

Larry was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree with the Class of 1970. While a student, Larry worked for four summers at the Chateau Lake Louise in Alberta. He was a bell man, a waiter and a wine steward. Parties in the staff residences are the stuff of legend.

After graduation, Larry worked at various jobs in Toronto. While employed at General Publishing and Musson in 1979, he met his true love, Pamela Slater, on a blind date. They moved in together in a matter of months.

In 1984, Larry and Pam moved from Toronto to Tuktoyaktuk, where Larry worked in economic development for the Government of the Northwest Territories. This was a happy time for Larry as he helped people bring their business ideas to life. The GNWT would be his employer until his retirement in 2007. In 1985, Larry and Pam moved to Yellowknife, their home ever since. In 1986 they eloped to Las Vegas (but were not married by an Elvis impersonator) and won \$800 on the first pull of slot machine which paid for most of the trip.

Larry enjoyed camping, cribbage, curling, squash, tennis, science fiction, current events, and music, especially



Jimi Hendrix, Gordon Lightfoot, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, and all the great folk groups from the 60s. As a young adult, he was a member of a Rover Scouts crew. The Rovers have remained friends to this day. As one Rover put it: "Larry was the glue that held us together."

Larry also kept in touch with the Western HBA Class of 1970, and looked forward to the biweekly Zoom calls, where they swapped stories and laughs.

Larry served on the boards of non-profit organizations in Yellowknife including Avens, A Community for Seniors, and the NorthWords Writers' Festival.

Predeceased by his parents, Wilf and Rhea Adamson, and by his brother, Bryan Adamson, Larry leaves behind his beloved wife and best friend, Pamela Slater, his loving sister, Gail Adamson, sister-in-law Maire Adamson, brother-in-law Gordon Slater, along with a niece, nephews, and their families.

A celebration of life is planned and will be private. If you wish, a contribution to Spruce Bough in Yellowknife would be appreciated. **Spruce Bough | Yellowknife Women's Society (ykws.ca)** It's an initiative Larry supported wholeheartedly. A donation to your local food bank would also honour Larry, if you prefer.